

Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Madam President, members of the Legislature, I rise to support LB 7 and just by way of background so that you will know some of the terms in here, the Federal Home Loan Bank is a mechanism to assist or traditionally has assisted savings and loans with getting the money to make mortgage loans themselves to people who want to buy houses. And the Federal Home Loan Bank did that work exclusively with savings and loans. Because of the recent change in federal law under the FIRREA Act other kinds of institutions may go to the Federal Home Loan Bank in search of money, in turn then to make home mortgages and those include, as Senator Conway just said, commercial banks, credit unions and the like. Since the FIRREA Act applies to all nationally chartered institutions you need something like LB 77 to authorize our state institutions to do the same. The goal that is achieved by the Federal Home Loan Bank is to put money in the hands of lenders who in turn make mortgages. And the Federal Home Loan Bank used to deal with the savings and loans, that is changed. This then becomes a kind of a parity measure for state chartered institutions to match authorities that national institutions now have. This is the first of three measures which are of parity granting kind of status. We'll have two shortly that Lowell Johnson will introduce which create parity between state chartered institutions and national institutions and they are traditionally called the Wild Card Bill. They do the same thing. They place those institutions which we regulate on the same legal status as the national institutions which operate in this state but whom we do not regulate because their regulator is either in a region or in Washington, D.C., and are controlled by federal rules and regs. I support Senator Conway's LB 77.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Landis. Seeing no one else wishing to debate this issue, Senator Conway, do you have a closing statement?

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you, Madam President, and thank you, Senator Landis, for additional support of the bill. Like I say, I think it's as clear as has been presented and with that I offer it for a vote.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Okay, we will now proceed to vote on LB 77 by Senator Conway. All those in favor please vote aye, all those opposed please vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.